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5th October 2023

Director – Energy Assessments,
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4 Parramatta Square,
12 Darcy Street,
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENT
IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE HUMELINK PROJECT**

I hereby submit this response to the HumeLink Environmental Impact Statement report.

I object on the following grounds:

RURAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIFFICULTIES WITH
OVERHEAD POWER LINES.

Precision farming machinery

Drones aerial crop dusting and spraying

Interference of maintenance crews and the spread of stock diseased and noxious weeds.

Unnecessary risk to employees.

Interference with station routing.

LOOKING OVER THE LANDSCAPE

It is very obvious we have done far too much damage to our beautiful landscape already.

With roads and railway lines there is no choice.

With power lines there is a choice.

Put them underground like the gas pipeline. It is a much safer option.

BUSH FIRE FIGHTING

I started helping my father fight fires in the mid 1950's. we had practically no equipment. We used wet bags, tree branches and leather flats on a long handle, called beaters. As time progressed, we had an old petrol truck with a Grazcos fire pump. It was difficult to start and slow to prime but very modern in its day.

Now we have purpose made and diesel trucks, good communication and training on the use of these excellent vehicles.

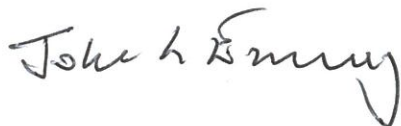
The main problem, I am told is that we cannot fight the fires under the proposed new power lines. For those people who have not had much experience of fire fighting I would like to point out that in a lot of cases you cannot see for smoke. The idea is to follow the fire on one side or other to narrow it down and finally hope to meet the opposite side crew at the fire front. One hopes not to have a head on collision in this smoke. That's one thing, the other is you have no ides after three or four hours fighting in the smoke, or at night, just where you are and you certainly do not want to be roasted under a power line.

I presume water bombing is off limits.

Put them underground. It is a much safer option.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Emery". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

JOHN L. EMERY